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In reply, refer to:

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STATE OF HAWAII

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December 30, 2015

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin
Chair, Honolulu City Council
Honorable Ikaika Anderson
Chair, Zoning and Planning Committee
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street
Rm. 202
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: Amended Resolution for the Proposed Kapiolani Residence,

TMK: (1) 2-3-041:009 and (1) 2-3-041:006

Dear Chairs Martin and Anderson:

With this letter, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) indicates its support at the staff level for the proposed Honolulu City Council Resolution amending Resolution 15-277, CD1. The proposed amendments are intended to maintain project economic feasibility by a redistribution of affordable unit types and their allocation among the project's stated AMI categories. In addition, the proposed amendments reflect adjustments to the design of the project and the project applicant SamKoo Pacific LLC's declining of a previously approved deferral of wastewater system fee payment.

SamKoo will maintain its originally proposed AMI ceiling of 120% and its original profit margin as part of its previously stated commitment to HHFDC, the Honolulu City Council and to the project's potential customers.

We fully understand that pursuant to HRS Section 201H-38, the Council has authority to approve affordable housing projects, including exemptions from statutes, ordinances, charter provisions, and rules. After Council approval of the subject amendments to the Resolution, we will present the amendments to the HHFDC Board for its concurrence.

We respectfully urge your favorable consideration and approval of the proposed Resolution amending Resolution 15-277, CD1, to enable this significant affordable

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housing project to move forward.

Thank you for your consideration and timely action on this matter. If you have questions regarding the contents of this communication, please feel free to contact Ken Takahashi, the HHFDC project manager for Kapiolani Residence at 587-0547.

Sincerely yours,

Craig K. Hiraí

Executive Director